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For: OPTICAL SCANNER, OPTICAL
SCANNING METHOD, SCANNING
IMAGE FORMING OPTICAL
SYSTEM, OPTICAL SCANNING
LENS AND IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS

Examiner: N. Worku

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons of Allowance and wish to submit the following remarks. The Statement paraphrases limitations from independent claims 1, 16, 31, 44, 47, 53, 61, 76, 92-97 and 101-120 as reasons for allowance for the independent claims and claims dependent therefrom. Applicants wish to note that the independent claims are allowable based on the combination of limitations recited in the claims. Moreover, dependent claims 2-15, 17-30, 32-43, 45, 46, 48-52, 54-60, 62-75, 77-91 and 98-100 recite limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims allowable.

Other wise, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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